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Mr. Jay L. McConnaughey, Habitat Biologist
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1315 West Fourth Avenue
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Dear Mr. McConnaughey:

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON DOE/RL-97-11, REV. 0, PHASE I FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR
THE CANYON DISPOSITION INITIATIVE (221-U FACILITY)**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Richland Operations Office (RL) values your concurrence with the recommendations provided in the Phase I Feasibility Study for the Canyon Disposition Initiative (221-U Facility).

In regard to your recommendation to revise alternative one to consider future waste management activities, RL has received similar public comments and may revise alternative one to reflect cleanup to industrial land use. In RL's opinion, this would allow future waste management activities to proceed and would provide significant cost savings. RL appreciates your concurrence with elimination of alternatives 2 and 5.

Thank you for your time and valuable input. DOE, in combination with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Washington Department of Ecology, will continue to keep your office informed as the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act process proceeds.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me on (509)372-2282.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Sands".

J. P. Sands, Project Manager
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